

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an partisan (specifically an anti- John Kerry) documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

In lieu of the spirit behind restriction on media consolodation and monopolies, please do not permit this broadcast to occur. I am not entirely certain if empowering the masses is somethng that the FCC concerns itself with, but it should and could right now.

Thank you